सूचना के अनुसार गुजरात में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों पर कोई यातायात संकेत प्रणाली स्थापित नहीं की गई है ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Affairs of Indian Shipping Industry

3067. SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of SUFRACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Business Stan dard' dated the 2nd June, 1992 and Business and Political Observer dated the 5th June, 1992 regarding request to join a private shipping company by a Former Director General of Shipp ing and move to hire technically re jected ship respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c.) whether Government propose to order an inquiry to look into the hir ing of technically-rejected ships by a private sector firm, move to hire those ships by the Oil and Natural Gas Com mission and request by the former Director General of Shipping to join the said private sector shipping unit; and

(d) if so, by when and the terms of reference thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE, TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) he former Director General of Shipping, Shri Praveen Singh, had sought in March, 1992, Government's permission to accept commercial employment with Essar Shipping limited as its Managing Director. The Government did not accede to the request.

M/s. Essar Shipping Limited had acquired a Multi-Support Vessel (Dynamic Constructor) since renamed as ESSAR STENA-I. According to the information obtained from the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, this vessel did not meet the technical specifications of Oil and Natural Gas Commission and, hence, was not employed by Oil and Natural Gas commission against their earlier tender. Even though there was a proposal to hire this vessel for undertaking certain off shore jobs which the vessel is capable of doing, the same was not approved by Oil and Natural Gas Commission since the proposal wa? not against a global tender and the need for the vessel required furthei examination. In the circumstances, the question of holding an inquiry doe; not arise.

Length of Surfaced and Unsurfacei Roads

3068. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA Will the Minister of SURFACE TRA NSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the length of surfaced and ur surfaced road in 1980 and 1990 re< pectively;

(b) whether it is a fact that r significant progress has been made : far in the construction of surface roads during the last decade;

(c) whether any action plan n: been drawn to improve the conditio] of roads in the country; and

(d) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (THE; MINISTRY OF SURFACE TR NSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLEI

(a) and (b) There has been signi cant progress in the construction 1 surfaced roads in the country fri ^ 1980 to 1988 (the latest figures ava .".able) as per details below:

Year	Length of surfaced roads	Length of unsurfaced roads
1980	6,44,216 km	8,47,657 km
1983	3,88,400 km	9,55,000 km

(c) and (d) Development|m£inten. ance of National Highways is a con-tniuing activity and works are being taken up on the basis of Annual Plans | Five Year Plans subject to *inter-se* priority of each project, traffic intensity and availability of funds from year to year. An outlay ^f Rs. 2,460.00 crores is provided fo_r development of National Highways in the 8th Plan. However, for other categories of roads, the respective States are primarily concerned in the matter.

3069. *[Transferred to the 7th August,* 1992]

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OBSERVATION BY THE CHAIR OF RE. THE MATTER WHICH NECESSITATED THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE ON 4TH AUGUST 1992.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam . . . *(Interruptions).*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Member . . . *(Interruptions).* Please, order in the House. Just a minute. *(Interruptions).* Please, just a second. Please, order in the House. May I request Members to take their seats, please?

Now, yesterday, $tber_e$ was a matter which was raised in the House and I have got my ruling on that. I $went_t$ through the tapes recorded between 12.00 and 12.43 when the House was adjourned for fifteen $minute_s$ at 12.43 hrs. I heard both the cassette and the spool a number of times along with other senior officials of the Secretariat, reporters and the recording staff. We could not hear on the tape the remarks attributed to Dr. Baldev Prakash calling Dr. Subra-the remarks attributed to Dr. Subra-manian Swamy that he called B.J.P. anti-national.

After the house reassembled' at 1.00 p.m. and the matter was again raised in the House, both Dr. Baldev Prakash and Dr. Subramanian swamy admitted to having said that the following remarks and I quote.

Dr. Baldev Prakash said:

मैडम, मेरी बात तो सुन लें कि मैंने क्या कहा है । जब मि० स्वामी ने दो-तीन दफा यह एलिगेशन लगाया कि बी०जे०पी० के लोग एंटी सिख, एंटी मुस्लिम हैं, एंटी माइनारिटीज हैं, यह भी कहा कि एंटी माइनारिटीज हैं, उसके रिएक्शन में मैंने कहा कि यह जो ऐसी बातें कहते हैं यह टेरोरिस्टों के या आतंकवादियों की दलाली करते है । यह मैंने कहा है ।

This is what I found on the record.

And', Dr. Subramanian Swamy said: "Madam, I spok? at two stages. (1) In the beginning I said that the B.J.P. Government was anti-Sikh and anti-Muslim. (2) When a personal allegation was made against my by Dr. Baldev Prakash that I was a *dalal* of the terrorists, at that time I said, 'Your Government is anti-national'. I did not refer to any individual. I did' not say he was anti-national at all at any stage. If anybody has made a personal allegation it is Dr. Baldev Prakash who has made a personal allegation against me and he should withdraw it and apologise to the House."

This Is the exact quoting from the recording.